

# COALITION VAIN TO BEAT WAR TAX MEASURE

\$105,000,000 Bill Passes,  
Despite Fight of Disap-  
pointed Cotton Men.

## ITS KILLING SOUGHT BY POSTPONEMENT

Movement Follows De-  
cisive Defeat of Planters'  
Relief Amendment.

## BAND ROUTED WITH ADMINISTRATION'S AID

John Sharp Williams Arraigns  
Colleagues for "Trying to  
Starve Treasury."

From The Tribune Bureau.  
Washington, Oct. 17.—The war tax  
bill, estimated to raise \$105,000,000 of  
additional revenue to offset the loss of  
revenue due to the war, was passed  
by the Senate to-night by a vote of 34 to 22. One Democrat, Lane,  
of Oregon, voted against the bill.

The vote was taken after a day of  
bitter debate, in which a split was  
developed in the ranks of the Demo-  
crats, and the consequent indefinite  
postponement of the bill. The test  
case on a motion made by Senator  
Vardaman, of Mississippi, to postpone  
the bill indefinitely. The motion was  
made after the Hoke Smith amend-  
ment to issue government bonds in the  
sum of \$250,000,000 to buy cotton  
to help the cotton farmers in the crisis  
they are facing was defeated by a vote  
of 40 to 21.

It had been reported that a band of  
eight Senators from the cotton states  
had agreed to vote for the tabling of  
the bill in case it carried no pro-  
vision for the relief of the cotton  
producer. But the motion to table the  
bill made by Senator Hoke Smith, of  
Georgia, was ruled out of order by  
President Marshall in view of the  
unanimous consent agreement of the  
Senate to vote on it before mid-  
night. Then Senator Vardaman made  
his motion to postpone indefinitely.

## Vote for Postponement.

For this motion five Democrats  
and with the Republicans. They  
were Senators Clarke, Smith, of  
Texas; Smith, of South Carolina;  
Johnson and White. The three  
other Democrats who had been re-  
ported as ready to vote against the  
bill were Senators Sheppard, Shields  
and Robinson. Robinson was absent  
and both Sheppard and Shields voted  
against the Vardaman motion.

The administration exerted itself  
thoroughly to bring the cotton Senators  
to line in favor of the tax bill. Post-  
master General Burleson came to the  
capital and labored with a number of  
members.

Before the vote on the Vardaman  
amendment Senator Stone, of Missouri,  
urged the Democrats who favored  
postponing the bill indefinitely because  
it carried no cotton amendment. He  
called them "reactionaries" and "re-  
trograde" of pledges made in the Demo-  
cratic caucus which framed the bill.  
Senators Williams, James, Shively and  
Murren denounced them.

The action of the Senate to-night  
was an end to any opportunity for  
legislation at the present session of  
Congress to aid the cotton farmers.  
This Representative Henry, of Texas,  
who threatened a filibuster in the House  
against the tax bill unless aid is  
extended to the cotton people, it is be-  
lieved that he will be unable to do  
more than delay the bill for a day or  
two. Adjournment is expected by  
Thursday.

Three Republicans—Senators Borah,  
Capper and Jones—and the sole Pro-  
gressive in the Senate, Senator Point-  
ing, of Washington, voted with the  
Republican Democrats for the Hoke  
Smith cotton amendment.

An amendment offered by Senator  
Overman, of North Carolina, to return  
to the cotton states \$65,000,000 collect-  
ed from them in a tax on cotton during  
the reconstruction days was defeated by  
a vote of 14 to 14.

## Cotton Tax Return.

The bill will go to the House on  
Monday, and will be sent to conference  
as soon as possible. The Senate, be-  
cause adjourning to-night, appointed the  
following conferees: Senators Sim-  
mons, Williams, Stone, Clark, of Wyom-  
ing, and McCumber.

An amendment proposing a \$500,000  
bond issue to be used by the Sec-  
retary of the Treasury in stabilizing  
the price of grain during the European  
war was proposed by Senator McCumber,  
of Iowa.

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ized the Secretary of the Treasury to  
allow the importation of grain from  
any country to stabilize the process.  
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# GRECIAN PROVINCES RACKED BY 'QUAKES'

Hundreds of Homes Overthrown  
and Numerous People In-  
jured at Thebes.

London, Oct. 17.—A dispatch to the  
Exchange Telegraph Company from  
Athens says that at 8 o'clock this morn-  
ing and again at noon there were con-  
tinuous seismic shocks in the Grecian  
provinces of Attica, Boeotia and Pele-  
ponnesus.

Hundreds of cottages are stated to  
have been overthrown and numerous  
people injured at Thebes.

The dispatch adds that the shocks  
are continuing and have been felt in  
Athens.

M. Repoulis, the Greek Minister of  
the Interior, left Athens at noon to  
visit the places where the earthquake  
caused the most serious damage. The  
damage at Chalcis is reported to be  
serious, and at Thebes many of the in-  
habitants have fled to the fields, where  
they remain without shelter. Cracks  
have appeared in the walls of many  
houses in Athens.

## WILLIAM BARNES ALIVE

State Chairman Denies Rumor  
of His Sudden Death.

Some person, name, habit and busi-  
ness unknown, started a report yes-  
terday afternoon that no less a per-  
sonage than William Barnes, up to a  
few days ago chairman of the Republi-  
can State Committee, had dropped  
dead at Fifth and 47th st.

The rumor spread swiftly. Equally  
as swift were cohorts of reporters.  
They made frontal, flank and rear at-  
tacks on the report, which was soon in  
flights.

Barnes himself completed the rout  
by announcing in a firm, clear and  
well modulated voice that he was not  
dead. This was accepted as accurate,  
and after a while his telephone at the  
Hotel Biltmore ceased ringing.

## COMES FROM PAST TO CURE HARRIMAN

Ragged Ancient Mariner  
May Win Where Doctors  
Were Baffled.

Should J. Borden Harriman, banker  
and broker, survive his present illness  
the story of his recovery will present  
to the world one of its most picturesque  
romances and to the mental science  
cult a remarkably valuable document.

Reported dying in his home, Uplands,  
at Mount Kisco, N. Y., one week ago  
last Wednesday, his condition declared  
by two eminent physicians as beyond  
their power to improve, there came to  
his house that same morning a ragged  
old man.

His was no figure to win sympathy  
or much attention in such a house at  
such a time; his clothing was in an  
unhappy state and the walk of five  
dusty miles from the railroad station  
had registered on him pretty thor-  
oughly. To the maid who came to the door  
he said:

"I want to see Mr. Harriman. I can  
cure him."

There had been others at Uplands  
in the weeks that had followed Mr.  
Harriman's return from Carlsbad a  
broken man who had introduced them-  
selves in just that way. So the maid  
turned back into the house and left  
the old man on the veranda. He waited  
there, refusing to heed the silent dis-  
missal.

Mr. Harriman, almost un-  
nerved by her long vigil beside the bed of  
her husband—he had been unconscious  
but a few hours before for fifty-six  
hours—looked at the maid when she  
worked the living hinge and saw the  
forlorn figure on the veranda his iden-  
tity.

"Another man with a cure," answered  
the servant.

Mrs. Harriman went out to him.  
When he saw her she was not given  
time to ask a question.

"You know me, Mr. Harriman," he  
said quickly, as if fearing she would  
cut him short. "You know me, and  
when I tell you who I am you will  
recall me. My name is John W. Jones,  
and I am your father's physician. That  
was before you were married—that  
was when you were Miss Hurd."

Continuing his rapid utterances, he  
gave her his name and recalled the  
many details of his association with the  
great F. W. J. Hurd's yacht that in a  
few minutes Mrs. Harriman was con-  
vinced the man was telling the truth.

And gradually, though his face had  
been affected by the years, her recog-  
nition of him became stronger.

"I want just an opportunity to prove  
that I can bring Mr. Harriman back  
to good health," he said. "I read in  
the newspapers this morning that the  
doctors believe he has done all they  
can. I do not question the ability of  
any physician who have called, but my  
treatment is different, and I am as cer-  
tain as I am of my presence here that  
I can do just what I say."

"You are kind to come all the way up  
here," Mrs. Harriman answered, "and  
I know you really think you could be  
of some good, but it would be of no  
use. Mr. Harriman has had this diges-  
tive trouble for years. He and I went  
abroad in our hope of curing him.  
Abroad we had the best of physicians.  
Discouraged by our experience there,  
we returned to Mount Kisco. I am very  
thankful for your sympathy."

Offers Mental Science Aid.

"But I don't come here just as a  
physician," returned the sailor insist-  
ently. "I come as a friend, too. It is  
a medicine I practice; I am a mental  
science healer, and I can positively  
cure him."

Mrs. Harriman really thought she  
was engaged in conversation with a  
crank, a thought encouraged by the  
scores of letters from persons of such  
a type had showered upon her home.  
Rather than tell him abruptly to go,  
she sought to humor him into depart-  
ing, and consumed so much time in  
this effort that her sixteen-year-old  
daughter, Ethel, became curious, and  
stepped out to the porch, where she  
listened eagerly.

When Mrs. Harriman gave evidence  
that she was about to end the discus-  
sion informally, Miss Ethel entered the  
conversation.

"Why don't let this gentleman try,"  
she said. "Perhaps he can help father."

# WARDEN'S BIG CAR MYSTERY OF SING SING

Sullivan, Union Bank  
Wrecker, Has Official  
Chauffeur, Is Report.

NO APPROPRIATION  
FOR AUTO RECORDED

Prison Belief Is That Costly  
Motor Was a Gift  
from Convict.

Westchester Wonders What  
Would Happen if Driver Were  
Arrested for Speeding.

So firmly rooted is the conviction in  
Westchester County that David A. Sul-  
livan, convicted in January, 1913, as  
one of the wreckers of the Union Bank  
of Brooklyn, is the man who rides  
around in a large touring car with  
Warden McCormick of Sing Sing as  
his chauffeur, that when the warden  
was asked at a Glyn political meet-  
ing Friday night if Sullivan was with  
him he only smiled and said:

"No, not to-night."

Sullivan got a sentence of two years,  
and apparently the term has been an  
easy one for him. The former warden,  
Clancy, used him as clerk of the prison  
court, and because he was an expert  
stenographer he got many jobs that  
were easier than breaking stones.

It is said there is always a shortage  
of intelligent men in Sing Sing, and  
the appearance of one who can be of  
any assistance in the clerical depart-  
ments is hailed with delight by the  
warden.

A month Westchester County has  
been whispering that while many  
Brooklyn depositors of a wrecked  
bank were suffering for necessities,  
which the money they lost would have  
provided for them, one of the wreck-  
ers was enjoying the autumn weather  
in a fine, new touring car.

It was said that his term was almost  
over, and that he was probably pre-  
paring for the leisure he would be  
able then to enjoy.

Others went even further and intim-  
ated that he had plenty of money  
"salted away."

All these strings of gossip get back  
somewhere to Sullivan. He is a Brook-  
lyn bank wrecker. Despite his denials,  
a jury said so, and a judge put him in  
jail to expiate his crime. That was be-  
fore McCormick was taken from his  
plumbing and steam fitting business in  
the city of New York.

David A. Sullivan will have no finan-  
cial worries in the future, unless court  
orders to make him disgorge are suc-  
cessful.

Back in June a State Banking De-  
partment official estimated that Sul-  
livan's share of the loss from the Union  
Bank was \$1,000,000, but Westchester  
gossips have repeated the figures so  
many times since the new touring car  
was acquired by the warden that the  
total has risen to \$2,000,000.

The department charged that Sul-  
livan was realizing on his stolen paper  
while acting as a confidential man to  
the warden. This was promptly denied  
at Sing Sing, and alleged use of the  
prison telephone for his private busi-  
ness was held to have been impossible.

Regarding the mysterious automobile  
inquiries have been made at Albany in  
the office of the State Superintendent  
of Prisons. The answer has been that  
McCormick didn't have the money to  
buy a machine at least by state appro-  
priation, and knowledge of his financial  
affairs when he got his \$2,500 job as  
warden on July 1 increase the belief  
that the car wasn't paid for by him.  
Clancy is authority for the statement  
that when he left office there was no  
money for improving the sanitary con-  
dition of the prison, providing fire pre-  
vention and the like, much less for the  
purchase of a like riding machine.

Hence, Westchester, which hasn't a  
doubt in the world that Sullivan is the  
man who lolls in the tonneau, while  
the rest of the county believes that  
the former banker is the actual owner  
of the automobile. The number, as al-  
most any one can tell, is 54551. Ac-  
cording to the police records, the li-  
cense is held by State of New York,  
Commissioner of Prisons, 354 Hunter  
av., Ossining, N. Y. The address given  
is that of Sing Sing prison.

Summer Resort Costume.

Usually, when a prisoner goes out-  
side for any purpose, he is clad in a  
dark gray regulation suit, prescribed  
for such use. The alleged Sullivan,  
however, has been that of a summer  
resort, light gray being the prevailing  
color.

Once, it is said, Sullivan was at the  
wheel, instead of the accommodating  
McCormick. This occasion, Westches-  
ter likes to tell the curious, was when  
three women were the guests of the  
driver and supposed owner. Observers  
held that even the warden balked at  
being a member of a mixed party.

At the Getty House, in Yonkers, a  
favorite rendezvous for politicians,  
Sullivan is said to be a frequent vi-  
sitor. Men who say they would recog-  
nize him anywhere will aver without  
question that he has often been seen  
standing alone on the curb near the  
entrance to the prison, and occasionally  
has strayed unaccompanied some dis-  
tance from the hotel.

Everything Westchester takes for  
granted so far—but what will happen  
if the banker is arrested for speeding  
on a chauffeur's license? Is it possi-  
ble that he will be arrested? Even the  
county's present extreme imagination  
cannot picture this result. Automobile  
owners know that one of the ques-  
tions asked an applicant for a license  
is, "Have you ever been arrested?" And  
if by chance a man who has been con-  
victed of crime and is serving time should  
be arrested, what then?

Westchester is curious to know.

# British Sink 4 German Warships; Invaders Attack Calais from Bases in Belgium and France. Both Fail

ENGLISH SINK  
FOUR GERMAN  
DESTROYERS

The Hawke's Loss Quickly  
Avenged in Action Off  
Coast of Holland.

AMPHION COMMANDER  
SQUARES ACCOUNTS

Capt. Fox, on Vessel Sunk  
by a Mine August 6, in  
Yesterday's Victory.

5 BRITISH WOUNDED,  
31 FOES CAPTURED

Cruiser Undaunted Leads Attack  
—Score in Naval Warfare  
Now Favors the Allies.

London, Oct. 17.—The British navy  
has accounted for four more German  
destroyers which, encountered off the  
Dutch coast this afternoon by a British  
cruiser and four torpedo boat de-  
stroyers, were engaged and sunk.

The Admiralty announces that the  
British loss was one officer and four  
men wounded. The damage to the British  
destroyer was slight.

The announcement adds that there  
are thirty-one German survivors,  
prisoners of war.

According to an announcement by  
the Secretary of the British Admiralty,  
the British vessels in the action were  
the light cruiser Undaunted and the  
torpedo boat destroyers Lance, Len-  
non, Legion and Loyd. The Undaunted  
was commanded by Captain Cecil H.  
Fox, who commanded the cruiser Am-  
phion, which, after sinking the German  
armed cruiser Koening Luise, was it-  
self destroyed by a German mine on  
August 6.

The British sailors have taken a  
quick revenge for the sinking by a  
German submarine on Thursday of the  
British cruiser Hawke.

The sinking of the four warships to-  
day makes six torpedo boat destroyers  
lost by British gunboats since the be-  
ginning of the war, and seven when  
the torpedo boat destroyer which was  
sunk by the submarine E-8 is counted.

In this number and without counting  
the converted merchantmen, such as  
the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse and the  
Cap Trafalgar, the score now favors  
the Allies.

One Austrian cruiser and seven  
German torpedo boat destroyers, while  
there have been unconfirmed re-  
ports of the sinking of several Aus-  
trian destroyers.

The Germans have sunk eight British  
and one Russian cruiser, while  
Australia has lost a submarine by ac-  
cident. The Russians also claim to  
have sunk two German submarines, but  
this the Germans deny.

Up to this afternoon Berlin had not  
heard officially of the sinking of the  
British cruiser Hawke, which indicates  
that the submarine which accomplished  
it has not yet returned to Germany.

A cutter dispatch from Alexandria  
says:

"The cargo of the German steamer  
Sudmark, which was captured in the  
Red Sea a month ago, has been de-  
stroyed by fire in a warehouse here."

"The cargo consisted of tea, jute and  
cocoanut and was valued at \$1,000,000."

[By Wireless via London, N. S.]  
Harwich (via London), Oct. 17.—  
News of the Undaunted's brilliant vic-  
tory was received with great jubilation  
here, where it was felt that Captain  
Fox, hero of the Amphion and now cap-  
tain of the Undaunted, had avenged the  
loss of his first ship by a German mine.

The Undaunted did not leave port here  
until this morning, and at 6 o'clock  
to-night came the news, which has  
since been officially confirmed, that she  
had accounted for four of the enemy's  
craft. The engagement, it is under-  
stood, took place at the mouth of the  
Scheldt between 3 and 4 o'clock this  
afternoon.

The enemy were deceived by the  
presence of vessels that had an hour  
previously relieved a patrol, and the  
action was immediately commenced.  
The Undaunted was accompanied by  
four destroyers, which rendered bril-  
liant account of themselves, and one  
by one the enemy's craft were put out  
of action until four of them were sunk.

[By Wireless via London, N. S.]  
London, Oct. 18.—The naval corre-  
spondent of "The Times" says:

"Comparisons will naturally be made  
between the loss sustained by Great  
Britain through the sinking of the  
Hawke on Thursday and that of the  
Germans by destruction at the hands  
of our sailors of four of their destroy-  
ers. So far as loss in ships goes, the  
balance is heavily in our favor."

"Naval operations in the North Sea  
just now give destroyers more than  
their normal value. Germany is espe-  
cially in need of them, since her policy  
is to do as much damage by raids of  
smaller craft as she possibly can do, so  
as to reduce our advantage in the great  
ships when the day of their meeting  
comes. Germany can very ill afford to  
lose destroyers just now. From this  
point of view her loss this week is far  
heavier than ours, for the Hawke was  
an old ship and not of great value to  
us. In men the losses of the Germans  
are heavier, for they will about  
equal the number of our men who met  
their death in the Hawke on Thursday."

# Sir Edward Grey's Brother Captured.

Berlin, Oct. 17 (by Wireless to  
Sayville, Long Island).—A British  
aeroplane was brought to the  
ground near Peronne, France, by a  
well directed shot. Both the airmen  
were made prisoners.

The aviator acting in the capacity  
of observer was later found to be  
Colonel Grey, a brother of the British  
Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

## VON ARNIM SUCCEEDS VON KLUCK, REPORT

London, Oct. 17.—According to Ger-  
man wounded officers who are prisoners  
in a hospital in England, General von  
Arnim succeeded General von Kluck  
in command of the right wing of the  
German army in France two days  
after the battle of the Marne.

One of the German officers credited  
with vouching for this story is Lieu-  
tenant von Arnim, described as the  
general's nephew, who is in a hospital  
at Netley.

## NEW FORCES POUR IN BEHIND LINES

Allies and Germans Pre-  
pare for Big Battle with  
Reinforcements.

[By Wireless via London, N. S.]  
Town in Northwestern France, via  
London, (name suppressed by censor),  
Oct. 17.—The numbers engaged are  
steadily pouring troops behind the  
fighting lines. It is impossible to es-  
timate the number of soldiers engaged  
on each side. It is only safe to say  
that a battle as Waterloo was but a  
minor engagement compared with  
the vast scale of the forces now in the  
shock of conflict.

The enemy saw themselves threat-  
ened on their weaker line at a vital  
point even when they considered their  
positions almost impregnable. They  
did not wait for the fall of Antwerp  
before they began to retreat. They  
were with swift judgment, but  
certainly with a sense of despair, they  
abandoned nearly all that they had  
gained at a heavy price of blood and  
suffering.

They have left but a remnant of  
their army on the hills behind the  
Aisne and retreated with their main  
army of the right to guard their line  
of communications here. Messes of  
troops have swung down to join them.

The enemy must fight now fairly and  
squarely, guns against guns, men  
against men, without the aid of over-  
whelming numbers which in the  
early days of the war enabled them  
to drive such a deep wedge into French  
territory.

## MAJ. GEN. H. I. W. HAMILTON KILLED

Commanded 3d Division, British  
Field Troops—Was Kitch-  
ener's Secretary.

London, Oct. 17.—A casualty list of  
the British expeditionary force in  
France, dated October 14, reports the  
death of Major General Hubert I. W.  
Hamilton and twenty other officers and  
the wounding of twenty-five others.

Major General Hubert I. Wetherall  
Hamilton commanded the third divi-  
sion of the British field troops, and was  
mentioned in the official dispatches  
of Field Marshal Sir John French to  
Earl Kitchener early in September, re-  
porting the desperate fighting in the  
vicinity of Mons. He was born in  
1861. He served in the Egyptian and  
South African campaigns, and in  
1900-1902 was military secretary to  
Lord Kitchener, who at the time was  
commander in chief of the British  
forces in South Africa. He was also  
military secretary to Lord Kitchener  
when the latter was commander in  
chief in India.

## GULF OF FINLAND SOWN WITH MINES

Russia Takes Measures Against  
Threats of Attack by Ger-  
man Submarines.

Petrograd, Oct. 17.—The Russian gov-  
ernment announces that because of the  
presence of German submarines in the  
Gulf of Finland and the sowing of  
mines in Russian waters by the enemy  
it has been compelled in turn to have  
recourse to similar measures. Conse-  
quently, especially those near the Gulfs  
of Riga and Finland and the littoral  
archipelago, must be considered as  
dangerous.

In order that non-combatants shall  
not run risks the entrances and exits  
of the Gulfs of Riga and Finland, it is  
stated, are considered closed from the  
moment of the publication of this no-  
tice.

## NEW BULLET SETS ZEPPELINS AFIRE

London, Oct. 17.—Telegraphing from  
Copenhagen under date of Friday, Oc-  
tober 16, the correspondent of "The  
Daily Mail" relates that a Norwegian  
Stavanger, Norway, said while crossing  
the North Sea on a trawler he and the  
members of his crew observed a fleet  
of about twenty cruisers and some  
transport vessels. Viewed from a distance it  
looked as if these cruisers were cover-  
ing the voyage of some commercial  
ships, which, in the opinion of the cap-  
tain, were undertaking a trial excu-  
sion. The fleet was moving slowly.

# NOORDAM HITS GERMAN MINE IN NORTH SEA

Holland-America Liner Is  
Badly Damaged Off  
Dutch Coast.

SEVEN OF CREW HURT,  
BUT NO PASSENGERS

Big Ship on Way from  
New York Meets Dead-  
ly Peril of War.

ABLE TO STRUGGLE ON  
TO HOOK OF HOLLAND

Wireless Tells of Disaster as  
Vessel Nears Home Port  
of Rotterdam.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]  
London, Oct. 17.—The Holland-Ameri-  
ca liner Noordam struck a mine coast  
this afternoon. She was seriously damaged,  
but was able to make for the Hook of  
Holland under her own steam.

Seven persons were injured. All of  
them are reported as members of the  
crew.

The latest wireless dispatch from the  
Noordam said she was steaming slowly  
to Nieuwe Waterweg, Hook of Holland.

The Noordam was on her way from  
New York to Rotterdam, but had been  
held up by British warships and taken  
into Falmouth for the examination of  
her cargo for possible contraband of  
war. Her cargo having been passed the  
liner was steaming for her home port  
when she hit the mine.

The first intimation of the Noordam  
being in trouble came in a wireless  
message from the Royal Holland Lloyd  
liner Tubantia, which was steaming up  
the North Sea to Amsterdam from  
Buenos Ayres. The Tubantia reported  
having picked up a wireless message  
near the Noordam.

The Tubantia herself had difficulty  
in passing the Straits of Dover